Investment and Innovation grants and racial equity

Presentation to COG Recycling Committee

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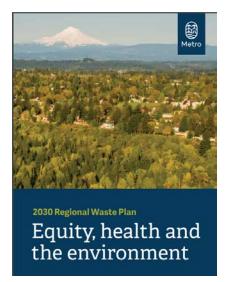
What is Metro?

- Regional government body
- Serves more than 1.5M people in three counties & 24 cities of greater Portland
- Focuses on region-wide planning and coordination



Managing & improving the solid waste system

- Complex public-private system
- 2030 Regional Waste Plan





Regional Waste Plan equity actions

40 equity-focused actions addressing:

- Share of solid waste system dollars
- Jobs (wages, benefits, representation)
- Access to high quality services
- Impacts from system
- Civic engagement and leadership



I&I grant program goals

Reduce environmental and human health impacts from products

Advance racial equity





I&I grant program history

• Three year pilot, launched in 2018





I&I grant types

Program grants: \$10,000 to \$75,000

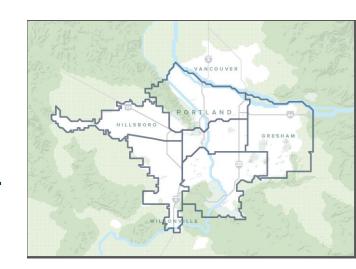
Personnel, operations and equipment

Capital grants: \$50,000 to \$750,000

Equipment and facility infrastructure

Funding & response

- Funding ranged from \$3M
 (yr1), \$6M (yr2), \$500K (yr3)
- Received 146 proposals totaling over \$30.5 million for \$9.5 million available





Incorporating equity into I&I

- Application questions & review criteria
- Resources for applicants: info sessions, staff support, equity "prompts"
- Allowed equity assessments, training as an eligible grant cost



Equity impacts so far

- Funding businesses or organizations owned by or directly serving BIPOC communities
- Capacity building, jobs
- Expanded services
- Increasing capacity of businesses and organizations to advance equity at work







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Disparate levels of impact

Nonprofit applicants and program grants demonstrated strongest equity outcomes

Capital grant applicants struggled to incorporate equity, with notable exceptions





Additional opportunities for equity

- Application & application process
- Grant review criteria
- Grant review committee
- Continual learning

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